C. AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Previously amended) A method of providing secondary functions from a menu item graphical control, said method comprising:

    including a plurality of graphical components with the menu item graphical control, each of the graphical components corresponding to a different programmed function, wherein the menu item graphical control includes a default area in addition to the plurality of graphical components;

    displaying the menu item graphical control with the included graphical components and the default area, wherein each of the graphical components are displayed in a position horizontal to the default area;

    receiving a selection from a user corresponding to the menu item graphical control;

    invoking a default function in response to the selection corresponding to the default area of the menu item graphical control; and

    in response to the selection corresponding to one of the graphical components, invoking the programmed function corresponding the selected graphical component.

2. (Original) The method as described in claim 1 further comprising:

    displaying a sub-menu of selectable programmed functions in response to the user selecting a sub-menu graphical component.

3. (Original) The method as described in claim 1 wherein at least one of the graphical components includes a graphical icon that is displayed on the menu item graphical control.

4. (Original) The method as described in claim 1 further comprising:
   configuring the plurality of programmed functions using a
     configuration tool;
   modifying the menu item graphical control to include the
     graphical components corresponding to the configured
     programmed functions; and
   saving the configured plurality of programmed functions and
     the modified menu item graphical control.

5. (Original) The method as described in claim 1 further comprising:
   configuring one or more secondary functions to include in a
     sub-menu;
   modifying the menu item graphical control to include a sub-
     menu graphical component corresponding to the sub-
     menu;
   saving the secondary functions and the modified menu item.

6. (Previously Cancelled)

7. (Original) The method as described in claim 1 wherein the programmed functions include one or more application programs.

8. (Original) The method as described in claim 1 wherein the programmed functions include one or more application functions corresponding to an application program and

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wherein the menu item graphical control corresponds to the
application program.

9. (Previously amended) An information handling system
   comprising:
   one or more processors;
   a memory accessible by the processors;
   a nonvolatile storage area accessible by the processors;
   a display screen accessible by the processors;
   an input device capable of a receiving input from a user
        corresponding to data displayed on the display screen;
        and
   a secondary function menu item tool to include secondary
        functions with a menu item graphical control, the
        secondary function menu item tool including:
        display logic for displaying a plurality of graphical
             components with the menu item graphical control
             on the display device, each of the graphical
             components corresponding to a different
             programmed function, wherein the menu item
             graphical control includes a default area in
             addition to the plurality of graphical
             components;
        menu item logic for displaying the menu item graphical
             control with the included graphical components
             and the default area, wherein each of the
             graphical components are displayed in a position
             horizontal to the default area;
        input processing logic for receiving a selection from
             a user corresponding to the menu item graphical
             control;

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   task scheduling logic for invoking a default function

     in response to the selection corresponding to the

     default area of the menu item graphical control;

     and

   in response to the selection corresponding to one of

     the graphical components, task scheduling logic

     for invoking the programmed function

     corresponding the selected graphical component.

10. (Original) The information handling system as
described in claim 9 further comprising:
display logic for displaying a sub-menu of selectable
   programmed functions in response to the user selecting
   a sub-menu graphical component.

11. (Original) The information handling system as
described in claim 9 wherein at least one of the graphical
components includes a graphical icon that is displayed on
the menu item graphical control.

12. (Original) The information handling system as
described in claim 9 further comprising:
configuration logic for configuring the plurality of
   programmed functions using a configuration tool;
graphic modification logic for modifying the menu item
   graphical control to include the graphical components
   corresponding to the configured programmed functions;
   and
storage handling logic for saving the configured plurality
   of programmed functions and the modified menu item
   graphical control to the nonvolatile storage area.

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13.   (Previously amended) A computer program product stored
    on a computer operable medium for providing secondary
    functions from a menu item graphical control, said computer
    program product comprising:
    means for including a plurality of graphical components
        with the menu item graphical control, each of the
        graphical components corresponding to a different
        programmed function, wherein the menu item graphical
        control includes a default area in addition to the
        plurality of graphical components;
    means for displaying the menu item graphical control with
        the included graphical components and the default
        area, wherein each of the graphical components are
        displayed in a position horizontal to the default
        area;
    means for receiving a selection from a user corresponding
        to the menu item graphical control;
    means for invoking a default function in response to the
        selection corresponding to the default area of the
        menu item graphical control; and
    in response to the selection corresponding to one of the
        graphical components, means for invoking the
        programmed function corresponding the selected
        graphical component.

14.   (Original) The computer program product as described
    in claim 13 further comprising:
    means for displaying a sub-menu of selectable programmed
        functions in response to the user selecting a sub-menu
        graphical component.

15.   (Original) The computer program product as described in claim 13 wherein at least one of the graphical components includes a graphical icon that is displayed on the menu item graphical control.

16.   (Original) The computer program product as described in claim 13 further comprising:
means for configuring the plurality of programmed functions using a configuration tool;
(Original) means for modifying the menu item graphical control to include the graphical components corresponding to the configured programmed functions; and
means for saving the configured plurality of programmed functions and the modified menu item graphical control.

17.   (Original) The computer program product as described in claim 13 further comprising:
means for configuring a plurality of secondary functions to include in a sub-menu;
means for modifying the menu item graphical control to include a sub-menu graphical component corresponding to the sub-menu;
means for saving the plurality of secondary functions and the modified menu item.

18.   (Previously Cancelled)

19.   (Original) The computer program product as described in claim 13 wherein the programmed functions include one or more application programs.

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20.   (Original) The computer program product as described
    in claim 13 wherein the programmed functions include one or
    more application functions corresponding to an application
    program and wherein the menu item graphical control
    corresponds to the application program

21.   (Original) A method of providing secondary functions
    from a menu item graphical control, said method comprising:
    configuring one or more secondary functions to include in a
        sub-menu;
    modifying the menu item graphical control to include a sub-
        menu graphical component corresponding to the sub-
        menu, wherein the menu item graphical control further
        includes one or more graphical components
        corresponding to one or more programmed functions; and
    displaying the sub-menu in response to a user selecting the
        sub-menu graphical component.

22.   (Original) A method of providing secondary functions
    from a menu item graphical control, said method comprising:
    configuring a plurality of programmed functions using a
        configuration tool;
    identifying a plurality of graphical components for each of
        the programmed functions;
    modifying the menu item graphical control to include the
        graphical components corresponding to the configured
        programmed functions;
    displaying the menu item graphical control with the
        included graphical components;
    receiving a selection from a user corresponding to one of
        the graphical components; and

invoking the programmed function corresponding the selected
      graphical component.

23.   (Original) An information handling system comprising:
   one or more processors;
   a memory accessible by the processors;
   a nonvolatile storage area accessible by the processors;
   a display screen accessible by the processors;
   an input device capable of a receiving input from a user
         corresponding to data displayed on the display screen;
         and
   a secondary function menu item tool to include secondary
         functions with a menu item graphical control, the
         secondary function menu item tool including:
         means for configuring one or more secondary functions
               to include in a sub-menu;
         means for modifying the menu item graphical control to
               include a sub-menu graphical component
               corresponding to the sub-menu, wherein the menu
               item graphical control further includes one or
               more graphical components corresponding to one or
               more programmed functions; and
         means for displaying the sub-menu in response to a
               user selecting the sub-menu graphical component.

24.   (Original) An information handling system comprising:
   one or more processors;
   a memory accessible by the processors;
   a nonvolatile storage area accessible by the processors;
   a display screen accessible by the processors;

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an input device capable of a receiving input from a user

corresponding to data displayed on the display screen; and

a secondary function menu item tool to include secondary

functions with a menu item graphical control, the

secondary function menu item tool including:

means for configuring a plurality of programmed

functions using a configuration tool;

means for identifying a plurality of graphical

components for each of the programmed functions;

means for modifying the menu item graphical control to

include the graphical components corresponding to

the configured programmed functions;

means for displaying the menu item graphical control

with the included graphical components;

means for receiving a selection from a user

corresponding to one of the graphical components; and

means for invoking the programmed function

corresponding the selected graphical component.

25. (Original) A computer program product stored on a

computer operable medium for providing secondary functions

from a menu item graphical control, said computer program

product comprising:

means for configuring one or more secondary functions to

include in a sub-menu;

means for modifying the menu item graphical control to

include a sub-menu graphical component corresponding

to the sub-menu, wherein the menu item graphical

control further includes one or more graphical

components corresponding to one or more programmed
functions; and

means for displaying the sub-menu in response to a user
selecting the sub-menu graphical component.

26.   (Original) A computer program product stored on a
computer operable medium for providing secondary functions
from a menu item graphical control, said computer program
product comprising:

means for configuring a plurality of programmed functions
using a configuration tool;

means for identifying a plurality of graphical components
for each of the programmed functions;

means for modifying the menu item graphical control to
include the graphical components corresponding to the
configured programmed functions;

means for displaying the menu item graphical control with
the included graphical components;

means for receiving a selection from a user corresponding
to one of the graphical components; and

means for invoking the programmed function corresponding
the selected graphical component.

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